

ABSTRACT

An inspection system includes a number of
5 inspection machines arranged in a row which
sequentially inspect a bottle as it is conveyed
through the machines. Each machine determines
whether the bottle should be rejected as a result of
each inspection and passes inspection data for that
10 bottle in an Ethernet packet via an Ethernet cable
connection to the processor of the next machine.
The processor in the last downstream machine
accordingly functions as a supervisory computer to
all the machines.